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SAVED WITHOUT BAPTISM OR GOOD WORKS

(Former issues of *The Sword of the Lord* have carried several articles on "Baptism Not Essential to Salvation." These articles will be published in book form as soon as possible. However, this article is complete in itself and is very clear teaching on the plan of salvation).

PART IV

MANY BIBLE EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE SAVED BY FAITH, WITHOUT BAPTISM, PROVES BAPTISM NOT ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION

The teaching of the Bible throughout is that men are saved by faith, without baptism or other ceremonies or good deeds. In the three great divisions of Scriptural time, the Old Testament, the life of Christ represented in the gospels, and the apostolic times after the ascension of Christ, represented in the last of the New Testament, the teaching is everywhere the same, that people are saved by simple faith in Christ.

This is plainly stated in the words of Peter, preaching to Cornelius and his household, in Acts 10:43, when he said:

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

All the prophets, Old Testament and New Testament, including the greatest Prophet, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, agree that whosoever believes in Jesus should have remission of sins.

Since the teaching is so unanimous, we should expect to find examples of people saved by faith, without external ceremonies, without baptism, circumcision, or good works, in each of the three great periods mentioned. Happily, the Bible records many cases of conversions, and all of them, in every case without exception where the Scripture tells how they were saved, it was by faith in Christ. I will give some interesting and some conclusive examples.

ABRAHAM SAVED BY FAITH, WITHOUT WORKS OR CEREMONIES

Abraham was a Christian, as much a Christian as any man living in the time of Christ or today. Not only was he a saved man, a friend of God, and a child of God, but he was a prophet (Gen. 20:7), and God reveals to him about Christ. In John 8:56 Jesus said, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad." It is interesting to remember that Abraham was saved by the same simple faith which secures salvation for sinners today.

In Genesis 15:6 we are told that Abraham "believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness." Here Abraham trusted in God and his faith was counted for

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"YOU MAY NEED A NEW CAR . . ."

The above headline is a statement in a letter which I have just received from a good friend in Edmond, Oklahoma, who enclosed an offering of $49.00

The letter follows:

"Edmond, Okla.
June 24, 1935

"Dear Bro. Rice:

"We are sending you $49.00 and you can use it anyway you please. You may need a new car and this might be the start. However, you know where you need it most.

"We think of you often and hope we may be able to attend some more of your services.

"May the Lord continue to bless you and your family and your work.

"Your brother in Christ,
(Signed) M. F. L——— & Family."

The Money Will Be Used On A New Car, As Suggested By The Good Man Who Sent The Offering

For some months we have been praying for a new car and in one way and another, the Lord has been providing. First, we traded in the 1930 model Dodge which had run over 50,000 miles. We got credit for $125.00 on a new car.

Then Mrs. Rice has sold advertising for $230.00 which has been credited on a new car whenever we are able to pay the balance. That made $355.00. This $49.00 plus a dollar I can supply, will make a credit of $405.00 on a car. We take this as a token that God will provide the balance necessary to buy a car.

With no regular salary and no way to tell what my income will be, I do not feel it would be right to take the car out on monthly payments, so I will not buy it until we have the full amount, or near that. I believe that would honor God.

The 1933 Chevrolet, over two years old, has run about 40,000 miles. It is still running good. We prayed for this car, and the Lord put it in the hearts of men of the church to buy it. We went to church and found it there the first Sunday in March, two years ago, and knew nothing of it until they handed us the keys. We bought back the old Dodge and used it until this Spring when it was turned in on a new car. Mrs. Rice is going day by day, looking after advertising for *The Sword of the Lord*, visiting lost people, etc. She uses the Chevrolet almost constantly. In the work of the church, business, preaching, etc., there is

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"SIGNS OF THE SOON COMING OF CHRIST"

Sunday Night Sermon Will Prove That the Saviour's Return Must Be Expected At Any Moment

HEAR JOHN R. RICE, 8:00 P. M., FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST TABERNACLE

WAR! Rumors of war, growing armies and navies, more battle ships, submarines and aeroplanes are given as a sign of the close of the age. Italy's forth coming was with Abbysinia, the Chaco three year's was in South America just closed, Japan's aggression in China, Russia's million men under arms — all are signs that are not to be ignored, that we are nearing the end of the age as foretold by Jesus Christ. Hear the Bibleproof!

DICTATORS! Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin, Mustapha Kemal Pasha, and the New Deal, getting the world ready for the world dictator foretold in the Bible who will rule the whole world from the city of Rome! Startling revelations from the Word of God. Governments of the world are struggling in the dark with Communism Fascism, Coughlinism — these are struggling against the terrible ruin brought by sin and will all result as foretold in the Bible.

DROUTH and FLOOD! The curse of God on nature in these last days was foretold in the Bible. Famine, earthquakes, tornados, drouths, floods, insect pests, diseases, accidents distress of nations! These show that "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now" waiting for Jesus to come! Man's sin has about ruined this world. Trouble, the wrath of God, and judgment come next.

WICKEDNESS! Booze, adultery, divorce, nudity, gambling, profanity, murder, hijacking! All these prove what the Bible says that "in the last perilous times shall come." Let me prove to you that we are in the last days according to the Bible and that Jesus may come today.

FALSE PROPHETS! Eddyism, Rutherfordism, Spiritualism, Mormonism, Adventism, and Modernism! All these in the same class of false religions fulfill the Scripture, are all a sign that we are in the closing part of this age.

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A Letter To The Secretary of The Sunday School Board

Dr. T. L. Holcomb
Corresponding Secretary
Southern Baptist Sunday School Board
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Dr. Holcomb:

In the Baptist Standard of Texas for May 30, the Sunday School Board and its Dallas book store ran an advertisement, highly commending the book, THE MYSTERY OF THE APOSTLES, by Edwin Richardson Frost, the grandson of the lamented Dr. Frost of the Sunday School Board. The Sunday School Board offers this book for sale through the Baptist Book Store in Dallas.

Just before this, the publishers, the Zondervan Publishing Company, had sent me a copy of the book to review in my paper, and I read it carefully and re-read it. I am surprised and shocked that this book should be selected, advertised, commended and sold by the Sunday School Board. I know the policy of tht Board before your coming, which endorsed the books of Harry Emerson Fosdick and published many modernistic statements in THE TEACHER magazine, was bad, but I supposed that the policy which drove Dr. Van Ness from the work would have been corrected under your leadership. I still think so and believe you must not have seen the book by Frost.

I enclose a marked copy of my paper where you will see a review of the book. I call your attention particularly to the "Conclusion" concerning Jude, on pages 105 and 106, which ascribed the material in the book of Jude to heathen sources and says that the book has such hidden meaning that it is fit for the study of only the adult mind, to be understood by the psychoanalists, etc. Also on pages 110 and 111 the teaching that Matthew and Acts contradict each other concerning Judas, and that one of the writers "embellished" the truth, "coloring" the event from the life of Ahithophel. Other references are given in my review.

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Paris Revival Begins Monday

Next Monday, July 1st, the editor of this paper begins, God willing, a revival at Paris, Texas. The revival will he held under a tent right down town. That is, we will use a large tent, but we expect as many people to be seated outside the tent as under its shade. The interest is county wide and we expect thousands of people to attend night after night. Rev. Marion Been and The Ramseur Memorial Baptist Church of which he is pastor will coöperate in the revival, as well as a number of other pastors. Several pastors of country churches have agreed to bring their people and come in and we expect delegations from Commerce and many other nearby cities and towns. I expect also the coöperation and help of a great number of Christians in all the churches in Paris. Doubtless other pastors will join in unofficially and help win souls. Certainly we trust and pray that all the churches will be blessed.

No new work is to be started.

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Three Months' Tithing Test

Last Sunday a great many people, probably two hundred or more, made a solemn covenant with God to put Him to a test during the months of July, August and September. These men and women vowed to God that they would give Him at least a tenth of their net income for these three months, trusting Him to bless them financially and spiritually. Many happy testimonies were given in the morning service as to how God cares for His people when they trust Him and meet His conditions about giving.

Many Baptist churches in the city are carrying on a tithing campaign, and we wish them well, but there is a very distinct difference in the Bell Covenant Plan which they advocate and the very simple plan of the Fundamentalist Baptist Church. We think they are right in asking all to tithe and we trust all will be blest. Among the differences, however, are the following:

(1) We do not ask anybody to sign a pledge card agreeing to give so much per week, per month or per year. One's income may vary, no one knows exactly what his income will be, and pledging so much a week is not tihting in the Bible sense. Whether one pledges less than what a tenth would be, or more than a tithe should turn out to be, or exactly a tithe, it is yet evident that the weekly pledge was not the New Testament method of carrying on the Lord's work nor even the Old Testament method. Each one here will decide between himself and God how much his tithe is.

(2) Our plan is different from the usual plan in that we make no effort to control where each Christian puts the Lord's money which has been intrusted to his hands. Many preachers teach what they call "store house tithing." They say that if a Christian gives tithe money which does not go through the control of the local church treasury to be dispensed by church officials, it is not Bible tithing and does not please God. Such an idea is not found in the teaching and practice of New Testament Christians. In the Old Testament, Jews were commanded to bring their tithes to the Temple where all the Levites received their portions. All sacrifices were offered there at the Temple. For that reason Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." But there is no Scripture which says "Bring all the tithes into the local church treasury," nor is there any Scripture that can be interpreted to mean any thing of the kind. I Corinthians 16:2 commands every man to "lay by him

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Friends Buy Furniture For Pastor's Office

In our busy church offices, the walls are not plastered, there is no ceiling, and the wood work is not finished, but we are very happy because we have more room than we had before.

Recently good griends bought a nice settee and chair for the pastors office. Now we have a place for visitors to sit down besides on a folding chair, a stool, a home made chair, and nail kegs! We enjoy the added comfort and thank God for friends who help to get the work done.

God willing, we will keep on improving the tabernacle, and build Sunday School rooms, put flashings on the roof, down spouts to carry away the water, and finish the basement, and will keep on building our crowds.

Again we thank God for our friends.

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an enormous amount of driving to be done. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Widner, Mrs. Brawley, Mrs. White, Mrs. Patton and a number of others have been most kind in taking Mrs. Rice to see advertisers, taking me here and yonder to preach, to visit, etc. Carrying on the work here we have trips to the hospital, the radio, the Post Office, printing shops, to weddings, funerals, and to see the sick. We are happy in the work. God is blessing. He will provide the new car when we need it. When I am out of town in revivals Mrs. Rice must have a car here to carry on the work of the paper and the church. We praise God for His wonderful care. We have found that if we try to look after the Lord's business, getting the gospel out in every possible way, that He is sure to supply all our needs.

'The Man Who Hung on His Own Scaffold'

Next Sunday morning Pastor John R. Rice will teach the last half of the book of Esther, continuing a most interesting story, begun last Sunday. How a pretty Jewish girl got to be queen of the greatest nation on earth, how a wicked man plotted to have her killed and every living Jew, how his plot was defeated, how the villian was later publicly shamed and then hung on his own scaffold and how the Jewish feast of Purim (which is observed by Dallas Jews every year) was begun — this is the Sunday School lesson next Sunday. Bring your Bible for the most interesting lesson you ever had in Sunday School. Pastor John R. Rice teaches a great class of men and women. Everybody is welcome without money and without price. Bring your Bible, family and a friend.

All services will continue as usual, with good preachers in charge, during the pastor's revival at Paris. The pastor expects to be back each Sunday morning, God willing.

WANTED someone to pump the remaining water out of the basement of the church. The leak has been stopped. We need an electric water pump for a few hours.

Children's Choir at 9:30.

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righteousness. He was saved by faith, justified by faith, counted righteous because he trusted.

The New Testament refers to this again and again and Abraham is made the great example of salvation by faith, without works. In Romans 4:1-8 Abraham is held up as a wonderful example of a man saved before he was circumcised, saved before he did any good deeds, saved simply because he believed in God. Read that passage prayerfully an see that in the Old Testament times people were saved by faith, without works.

"What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? 2. For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. 3. For what saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. 4. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. 6. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works. 7. Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." — Romans 4:1-8.

The above passage makes Abraham a striking example of salvation by faith. He was saved when he believed, not being circumcised. He was saved when he believed and was counted righteous simply because he believed.

But in the following verses, in the 4th chapter of Romans, we are told plainly that Abraham's salvation was a model case and that all Jews and all Gentiles alike, are to be saved, if saved at all, by the same simple faith of Abraham, without works or ceremonies. Abraham was saved the only way anybody is ever saved and was meant to be a pattern for all who want to be justified in the sight of God, counted righteous in His sight.

Romans 4:9-12 shows that Abraham is as good an example for Gentiles as Jews, since all, in all ages, are saved the same way, if saved at all.

"Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. 10. How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumsion? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. 11. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: 12. And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised."

In the book of Galatians, Paul was correcting the false doctrine of those who thought they must be saved by keeping the law, by deeds of righteousness, and ceremonies. He condemned their foolish dependence on human deeds and ceremonies and human righteousness, and urged them to return to the simple plan of salvation by faith in Christ. To them Abraham was held up as the model, the great example of salvation by faith. Galatians 3:6-9 says:

"Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."

Abraham, then, was saved without baptism, *and without anything else that could take the place of baptism! And the Bible repeatedly holds up Abraham's conversion, his salvation and justification by faith, as the model for all who want to be saved.*

OTHER OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS SAVED AND JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

The book of Romans is written on the theme of salvation by faith, without works. The book of Galatians is written on the same theme, to correct the false doctrine of salvation by keeping the law or salvation by good deeds and ceremonies. Both these epistles, written primarily on the plan of salvation, hold up Abraham as a model case, teaching that the way Abraham was saved, by simply believing God, God counting his faith righteousness, is the only way to be saved. Both Romans and Galatians say that Abraham is the father of all those who believe in Christ, in the sense that he sets a pattern one should follow. That being true, we should expect evidence that other Old Testament characters were justified and counted righteous on the same basis, and that is clearly true.

The 11th chapter of Hebrews is the great faith chapter and tells how great men and women of the Old Testament believed God, trusted in Him, and on the basis of faith did many wonderful works. The most important thought of that 11th chapter of Hebrews is not good works, but faith,

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in store" on the first day of the week a proportionate part of the income God has prospered him with, but that is entirely different from commanding that the money be turned over to other men to decide where it shall be used. Every Christian is responsible to God for putting his gifts where God would be pleased to have them go. In the church at Jerusalem, people brought their gifts "and laid them down at the apostles' feet." At other times individuals gave to the poor, or to preachers without any church treasury.

Undesignated giving was permitted, but not required in the Bible. The New Testament never takes the responsibility for giving out of the hands of the giver. He alone is responsible for the amount he gives and where it shall go. Just so when our people entered into a covenant to tithe for three months, they understood that each one is to give the money God places in his hands, just as and where the Holy Spirit leads.

(3) This covenant that individuals are making, is an agreement with God, not with the church or pastor. No collectors will be sent out to get the money. No one need know, but the individual himself, how much his tithe is. Only God and the individual himself will know whether or not he has kept his vow. Primarily our purpose is to get individuals to prove God, to please Him, and have his blessings.

What The Tithe Vow Involved

In brief, this is what we are asking our people to do, in a tithing covenant.

First, give at least a tenth of their net income to God for the months of July, August and September. We think they ought to continue, and hope they will, but we want them to put God to a test.

Second, they will give their tithes, or offerings besides if they feel led, to that which is clearly the Lord's work. Each one will decide what that is, and give the money where it will advance the work of Jesus Christ.

Third, it is understood that according to the command of I Corinthians 16:2, the Lord's part should be set apart separate every week whether it is immediately given or not.

Fourth, each individual Christian is to give himself anew to the Lord. This is not principally a matter of money, but a matter of the heart. As Paul said about the Christians of Macedonia, "This they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God." All of us meant it as a new dedication of ourselves, our lives, our hearts, our families, our talents and our money to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for us. It is our earnest hope and prayer that every member of our church, and Christians everywhere, will put God to a test on this same basis.

Is Tithing For New Testament Christians?

I am well aware that some people do not believe in tithing, saying that that was for Jews in the Old Testament. Some people think it was only a part of the Mosaic ceremonial law, but that is not the case. Abraham tithed long before the ceremonial law (Genesis 14:20). Abraham tithed because he loved God. Jacob vowed to God that "of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee" (Genesis 28:22). Evidently Jacob kept that vow, and his great prosperity can be traced, I believe, to that fact. Abraham and Jacob were saved just as we are, by faith in Christ, and their tithing was a matter of earnest Christian love for God, just as ours should be. Tithing is not simply a matter of Mosaic law, then, for these men who were not under law tithed and were blessed in tithing.

And while tithing was incorporated into the Mosaic law, yet it was never purely ceremonial like circumcision, the Jewish diet which

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excluded pork and cat fish, or like the Jewish Sabbath. For example, the Sabbath was first made known at Mount Sinai (Nehemiah 9:14), and was a special covenant between God and Israel (Exodus 31: 12-18). The seventh day or Saturday Sabbath was never commanded to New Testament Christians. Colossians 2:14-17 plainly names the Sabbath as one of those ceremonial ordinances nailed to the cross which Christians are not to observe. Now there is no such teaching as that about the tithe. The New Testament never hints that Christians would do wrong to tithe.

Jews were comanded not to eat pork, nor to eat fish without both fins and scales (Leviticus 11:7-12), but Peter was given a vision showing that things that were once counted unclean are cleansed (Acts 10:9-22). And in I Timothy 4:4, 5, the Scripture says, "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." The ceremonial law of the Jews was not binding to New Testament, Christians, but no such word is given in the New Testament, concerning tithing.

Circumcision was a ceremonial matter commanded to Jews, but in the New Testament, we are told more than once that circumcision is not for Gentile Christians and avails nothing (Galatians 5:6; Galatians 6:15). But while the Jewish Sabbath, Jewish diet, and Jewish circumcision, as ceremonial matters, are plainly not required in the New Testament for Gentile Christians, no such teaching is given about the tithe.

The Old Testament sacrifices were ceremonies pointing forward to Christ, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. In Hebrews it is plainly said "there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." (Hebrews 10:26). Christians, then, do not need to offer a lamb or bullock or scape goat or turtle dove on an altar. Those ceremonies of the Old Testament are not required of New Testament Christians and the New Testament makes it so clear there can be no mistake. But not a single word is said in the New Testament to indicate that Christians ought not to give a tithe of their income as people did under the law, and as many others did before the law was made known. Just as the moral parts of the law, "Thou shalt not kill," "Thou shalt not commit adultery," "Thou shalt not steal," etc., are still the proper standards for Christians, so the moral obligation to recognize the ownership of God by giving Him the tenth, seems still to be God's plan for men.

Why Should an Unconverted Jew Give More Than A New Testament Christian?

We frankly admit that New Testament Christians are not under law. If we are to tithe, we should do it on the basis that Abraham and Jacob tithed. They did it under the law of grace and love, not under the Mosaic law. But admitting that Christians are not under the law as were Old Testament Jews, why should a New Testament Christian give less? Do you think we should love God less? Do you believe God loves us less? Do you believe God will do less for New Testament Christians who trust Him about money, than He would do for Old Testament Jews. On what basis should New Testament Christians give less than Old Testament Jews?

Jews gave a tithe expecting God to prosper them in financial affairs and care for their needs. He plainly promised to do that when He said in Malachi 3:9-12:

"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. 10. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 11. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."

When a Jew brought a tithe, he had a right to expect God to bless the other nine tenths and provide for his daily needs. God plainly promised that crops would be better, the devourer would be rebuked, that the land would be happy. But dear Christian, do you believe God would do less for New Testament Christians than for Old Testament Jews under law? If you do then read again these other promises in the New Testament, that guarantee the same things.

Luke 6:38 —

"Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Matthew 6:33 —

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

The best promises in the Old Testament, concerning tithing, are no better than the blessed promise of II Corinthians 9:6 which says:

"But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

The following verses say that "God loveth a cheerful giver" and tells the Corinthian Christians that God is able to give them "sufficiency in all things," blessings for the future and to "multiply your seed sown (II Corinthians 9:7, 8, 10). When, to New Testament Christians, God promises that those who give shall reap bountifully, that God will provide bread for their food and multiply their seed sown because God loves a cheerful giver, there is as much reason for *Christians* to give as there was for a *Jew under the law* to give. If there is any difference between an Old Testament Jew and a New Testament Christian, the Christian ought to give more, since he is under grace, knows more about God and has received more blessings. The real reason the New Testament does not say more about the tithe is that it recognizes that *everything* we have belongs to God, even ourselves, and *not just a tenth* of our income. Any Christian who gives less than a tithe, excusing himself because he is under grace and not under law, simply does not love God as much as a faithful Jew, and does not trust God to keep His Word as faithful Jews trusted Him.

Put God To A Test For Three Months

God has plainly promised to take care of the needs of those who trust Him about money. He says "Give and it shall be given unto you" and "they that sow bountifully shall reap also bountifully." Why not try Him on this question? If you are afraid to commit yourself to a lifetime of giving a tenth, then why not make it a test for three months and see whether God will keep His promises to you? SEE if "my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus!" SEE if "all these things shall be added unto you! SEE if God really loves a cheerful giver as He says!

You will be happier. You will be more apt to have work. You will be able to pay your bills. You will feel closer to God. You will believe the Bible more. You will enjoy your giving as you never did before. Besides that, you will be able to help carry on the Lord's work, winning souls, support missionary work, build His building, etc., as you never did before. I believe that most of those who try it with honest hearts will keep it up the rest of their days.

And the rest of you who do not try it I warn you now, will not save money, for God has a way of His own of collecting what He commands, *and collect it He will!*

"I NEVER LIKE TO SELL A FRIEND A DRINK" — SALOON KEEPER

A few minutes ago a good man was in my office who had recently been converted and baptized. When he was baptized he told me, "Until seven weeks ago I was a sot drunkard."

In the office this morning this man asked me about the cost of advertising in *The Sword of the Lord.* I told him that the advertising rate was two inches for a dollar, but that for people out of work and without money I was glad to run their advertisement concerning work, free. He answered back that he was able to pay and would put in an ad a little later when he had a telephone. Then he said, "I have been getting along fine since I joined the church and God has helped me get work."

Then he told me the following story, which I repeat, as nearly in his own words as possible.

A Converted Drunkard's Experience, As Told To His Pastor

"The next day after I was baptized I was going down the street and I passed a saloon where I used to drink. The owner called out, 'Wait a minute D——, I want you to do some work for me.' Then he led me inside and said, 'I want you to finish this building and all the fixtures and then that building there and the fixtures.' I was in debt, needed the money, and had supposed he only wanted some little job done, and here I had several days' painting for myself and my boys!

"Later, when we were painting away, this barkeeper called me, saying, 'Hey, D——, have a drink!' I told him no that I didn't drink. Later he asked me again to have a drink. I just turned and said to him plainly, 'No, I have quit drinking. I don't drink and I don't allow my men to drink. If you are expecting to get any money out of this crowd for liquor, you will be disappointed, for not a one of us are going to touch it. I have quit, and I am not going to allow any man to drink while he works for me.'

"The saloon keeper was not offended, but instead was pleased. 'I am glad you have quit! I always hated to sell a friend a drink and I know you are right. I think more of you now than I ever did before.'

"I met another saloon keeper's wife where I used to spend lots of money for booze. She said, 'I am glad you have quit. Of course we miss the money but I know you are better off and I wish you well.'

"Brother Rice, before, when I tried to quit, I always thought about the liquor, always felt like I wanted it, but this time I turned it over to the Lord and He has taken it away from me and I don't want it and don't think any more about it. If I were to taste it again, I would be gone, but I will never do that, I think, while I have got my right mind."

The above testimony was told me a few minutes ago in my office by a man with gray in his hair, who, a few weeks ago, trusted Christ as his Saviour and was baptized. His face is happy. His wife is happy. His home is happy. His friends respect the change in his life. Even the saloon keepers congratulate him! He has had plenty of work these hard times since he got right with God, joined the church and was baptized! Oh, if sinners only knew how it pays to trust in God and live for Him.

Encouragement For Preachers

This is Saturday. Tomorrow I must speak five times, at 10:00, at 11:00, at 3:00 p. m. in a funeral near McKinney, at 6:15 on the radio, at 8:00 p. m. to our great Sunday night crowd. How I thank God I can face the responsibilities of tomorrow in the assurance that the old fashioned gospel I preach can do for drunken, gray-headed sinners what it has done for the happy man who has just left my office!

All glory to Jesus who died to save even the chief of sinners!

All praise to the Holy Spirit who has come into His body to live, has taken away the taste for liquor and makes his heart happy!

Praise be to the Father from whom all blessings flow, who has provided work for this man and support for his family, since he turned with all his heart to trust the Saviour!

Sinner, drinking man, troubled soul, why not confess your sins to such a great Saviour, risk Him for forgiveness and salvation today? Trust Him, claim Him, be baptized, live for Him. I promise you He will do more for you than you can possibly do for Him.

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Saved Without Baptism —

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and in every case we are expressly told that the good works were done as the result of faith. These saints were not justified in God's sight by faith and by works, but they were justified by faith, counted righteous in His sight, and then did good deeds because of that faith. Case after case is mentioned. including the following:

Abel	Israel under Moses and under Joshua
Enoch	Rahab
Noah	Gedeon
Abraham	Barak
Sara	Samson
Isaac	Jephthae
Jacob	David
Joseph	Samuel
The parents of Moses	
Moses	

Then at the close of the chapter, we are told that all these "OBTAINED A GOOD REPORT THROUGH FAITH . . . . ." (verse 39). This is a summary of the teaching of the 11th chapter of Hebrews, for Hebrews 11:2 tells us the subject of the chapter. Speaking of faith, we are told, "For by it the elders obtained a good report." "Good report" here means a good record, a good standing with God, in other words, justification. They were justified, counted righteous in God's sight by faith. Thus, all these other heroes of faith were justified, like Abraham, because of their faith in God. Their works did not save them, did not help to save them, but they were saved by faith in the coming Saviour, and the words of Acts 10:43 are true of them, "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

DO NOT CONFUSE JUSTIFICATION IN GOD'S SIGHT AND MAN'S SIGHT

In referring to Old Testament saints, the New Testament often tells of their good deeds. In the second chapter of James, we are told that faith without works is dead, and verse 21 tells how Abraham was justified by works when he offered Isaac, his son, upon the altar. Verse 25 asks, "Was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?" But these verses in James do not contradict nor change the meaning of other passages which tell us plainly that Abraham was justified by faith, without circumcision, and long before he offered Isaac, his son, upon the altar. And Rahab the harlot was justified by faith when she believed. What then is the meaning of these passages? In what sense is a man justified by works, and in what sense is one justified by faith? Certainly we must believe all the Scriptures and we know they do not contradict each other.

The explanation given in the Scriptures is simply that people are justified in the sight of God by faith, without good deeds, but in the sight of men, who cannot see the heart, nor God's record in Heaven, they are justified by works. God counts a man righteous when he, like Abraham, believes. Men count one righteous when they see his good deeds. That is the difference. Comparing two verses we will see that this is the plain teaching of the Scripture. Galatians 3:11 says:

"But that no man is justified by the law IN THE SIGHT OF GOD, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith."

When God justifies a man it is on the basis of faith wholly, not of works. But James 2:18 says:

"Yea, a MAN may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: SHEW ME thy faith without thy works, and I WILL SHEW THEE my faith by my works."

To men we can only show our faith by our deeds. Since men cannot see the heart, and men are commanded not to judge, that is the only way they can know. In man's sight we are justified by our works. In God's sight we are justified before we work, when we believe. Abraham, in the 15th chapter of Genesis, was justified when he believed God. Years later, it is recorded in the 22nd chapter of Genesis, that he offered Isaac, his son, on the altar and by that he justified himself in our sight, according to James 2:21. Faith and works go together. In God's sight we are justified immediately by faith, saved by faith. However, to men round about us we are to show our faith by our works and so be counted righteous in their eyes.

OLD TESTAMENT CASES PROVE BAPTISM NOT ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION

In Old Testament times the ceremony of baptism was not commanded and nothing is said about it. Baptism is entirely a New Testament command and practice. Obviously, everybody who was ever saved in the Old Testament was saved without baptism. Baptism was not essential to salvation in Old Testament times.

But from the foregoing examples of Abraham and other Old Testament saints, it becomes clear that they were not saved by any other act of physical obedience that could compare with baptism. Salvation, as discussed in the Word of God, is never on such a basis as that men can earn it by good deeds.

Besides that, the 4th chapter of Romans, Galatians 3:6-9 and Acts 10:43 declare in unmistakable terms that salvation in New Testament times is on exactly the same basis as salvation in Old Testament times. Abraham was saved by faith, without baptism or any other good deeds, all others who are ever saved are to be saved the same way and be thus the children of faithful Abraham, and to this simple plan of salvation by faith in Christ, every prophet in the Scripture bears witness, we are told.

Letter to Secretary —

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I feel in my own heart that you will not consent to any such teaching. I think possibly the book department offered this book for sale, thinking to sell more copies because it was written by a kinsman of the well loved Dr. Frost. Very possibly Dr. Hill did not examine the book closely. In any case the book will do grievous harm, and whatever profit the Sunday School Board makes out of selling it will be poorly made.

I write you frankly and as a brother in Christ. I should greatly appreciate a reply. I should like to know what the policy of the Board will be toward such modernism under your leadership.

I hope you will also review carefully the Study Course Book, THE BOOK WE TEACH, by Dr. Witherspoon, which was reviewed unfavorably by Dr. McConnell in the Baptist Standard not long ago. That book is seriously wrong on inspiration.

I entreat you as a father that you stand between Southern Baptist people who have trusted you, and modernistic literature. The faith of thousands of boys and girls is in your hand. Hundreds of preachers will read and believe any book endorsed by the Sunday School Board. That ought not to be true, but it is. I pray God may give you grace and wisdom and courage. While I am not as much interested in Southern Baptist Boards and institutions as you would naturally be, I judge that my heart is just as much concerned for Southern Baptist people as your own. I hope you will understand and appreciate this letter on that basis.

In the name of Christ, which is above every name, and before whom every one of us shall give an account, I am,

Yours,

(Signed) John R. Rice.

Signs of the —

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Bring your Bible and learn the Word of God. We will not set a date for the second coming, for "no man knoweth the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh" but the Scripture does say plainly that there are signs by which we may know that the day approaches.

The text will be Mark 13:28-37 which is as follows:

"28. Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: 29. So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, *even* at the doors. 30. Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. 31. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. 32. But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. 33. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. 34. *For the Son of man is* as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the portee to watch. 35. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: 36. Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. 37. And what I say unto you I say unto all. Watch."

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Paris Revival —

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Already Brother Marion Been has a fine Fundamentalist Baptist Church and our plan will be to win souls and help all the churches that now exist, as far as possible.

Brother Been, Brother Payne, and other people tell me they expect many thousands to attend the services and already several letters have come from that vicinity rejoicing about the plans for the revival.

The revival will continue three, four or probably five weeks. May the Holy Spirit lead in that. I greatly need to be at home.

While I shall expect to be in Dallas for most of the Sunday morning services, perhaps all of them, I regret that I shall miss the great Sunday night services here. Our Sunday night crowds have been growing, growing, growing. We have had many saved in recent months and for several months have not had a Sunday without a baptizing. We hope that will continue even with the pastor away most of the time.

The paper will go on the same as will other work of the church. The best preachers I can get will supply the pulpit whatever services I must be away. I believe the Lord will continue to bless.

While I feel a great need to be at home and there is more work here than I can do, yet I feel I must not turn down all the calls that come for great revivals. I am for soul winning. Christ died to save sinners. The salvation of sinners is still the thing over which angels in Heaven rejoice. I am willing to carry extra burdens, if God will give us a great revival with multitudes saved. Let every Christian who cares about sinners being saved, pray that this poor preacher may have such an enduement of power from Heaven as I have never had; pray that I may be filled with the Holy Ghost and speak the Word of God with boldness. Pray that God will control the weather, the advertising, the personal work, the music, the preaching, and most of all that He may save hundreds.

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